

AN ORDINANCE

BY COUNCILMEMBER CLAIR MULLER

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**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE RATE
STRUCTURE FOR WATER RATES CHARGED
TO RETAIL WATER CUSTOMERS OF THE
CITY OF ATLANTA WATER SYSTEM SO AS
TO IMPLEMENT A UNIFORM PRICE PER
UNIT OF WATER**

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta, as a regional water provider, has responsibility to manage water resources in order to serve over one million customers daily; and

WHEREAS, metropolitan Atlanta and the State of Georgia have experienced severe and prolonged drought conditions over the past three years; and

WHEREAS, a number of conservation measures have been put in place including Care & Conserve, Xeriscape programs and outdoor watering restrictions; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the fact that there are limitations on our water resources and there are additional tools available to curb consumption; and

WHEREAS, the pricing structure for water, as with most commodities, can have an impact on the quantities used by consumers; and

WHEREAS, since 1986 the majority of water utilities in the U. S. have moved away from a "declining block" rate structure (the unit price drops the more water that is used), and have adopted uniform rates (unit price remains the same regardless of the quantity used) and "inclining block" rates (unit price increases with the quantity used).

WHEREAS, only 39.2% of U.S. water utilities still have a declining block rate, 38.1% have a uniform rate, and 22.7% charge an inclining rate for water.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That the monthly and bimonthly water rates for domestic, commercial, institutional, industrial and other customers within the City of Atlanta shall be \$1.65 per hundred cubic feet effective May 1, 2001 for all billing cycles commencing on or after May 1, 2001.

SECTION 2: That the monthly and bimonthly water rates for all retail domestic, commercial, institutional, industrial and other customers of the Atlanta water system in Fulton County outside of the City of Atlanta shall be \$2.00 per hundred cubic feet effective May 1, 2001 for all billing cycles commencing on or after May 1, 2001.

SECTION 3: That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

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- REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ADVERTISE & REFER
- 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
- PERSONAL PAPER REFER

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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

- 2nd
- 1st & 2nd
- 3rd
- Consent
- V Vote
- RRC Vote

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MAYOR'S ACTION